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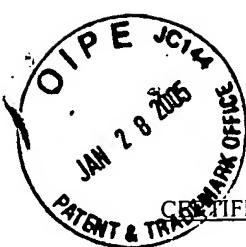
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- The Applicants wish to make of record the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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- Applicants hereby request consideration of the attached information.

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